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In re Application of:)	
DOUGLAS E. OTT, et al.)	Group Art Unit 3763
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Serial No. 09/314,052)	Examiner: M. Thompson
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Filed: May 18, 1999)	
)	Attorney Docket 1-15372
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)	
FOR CONDITIONING GAS FOR)	
MEDICAL PROCEDURES)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Sir:

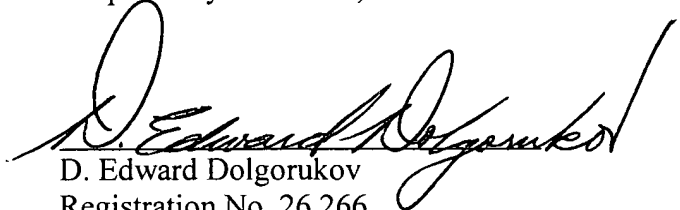
Pursuant to Sections 1.97 and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, record is hereby made of published art which the United States Patent and Trademark Office may wish to consider during examination of the above-entitled application. No representation is made or intended that a prior art search was conducted, or that no better art than that listed is available.

A copy of each patent is enclosed, along with a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that each be fully considered and made of record in this case.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of an Office Action on the merits in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), and prior to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance or Final Rejection Office Action. Therefore, a prior art consideration fee of \$180.00 is submitted herewith.

Copies of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are enclosed herewith.
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